

# ATHLETICS ARE CLINGING TO POST FROM POSITION OF JOKE BALL CLUB

Connie Mack's Crew Is Fast Coming Towards the Top as the Little Philadelphia General Builds Them Up—One of His Pitchers Recently Won Three Games in a Week—Some "Comers" on the Team.

BY MONTY.

NEW YORK, June 17.—It will not be long before various persons quite referring to the Athletics as the joke ball club of the American league. Improvement is noticeable in the club day after day now and it is likely that before the season ends Connie Mack's crew will pass the line of demarcation and begin to win more than half of its games.

Mack has the right idea about managing a ball team. He does only one thing at a time. Never has he attempted to build a club and finishing up in the race at the same time. If he has a combination that he thinks has a good chance for the pennant, he bends all energies toward making that team win games. If he feels that his outfit is too weak to win the flag, he gives practical attention to the winning of games, centering his attention on adding strength to the club.

From 1909, when Athletics finished second, on through 1914, when the famous White Elephants won their last American league championship, he put his mind entirely on the proposition of getting the greatest possible percentage of victories with the material at hand. When the 1914 season closed and because of various reasons he felt impelled to get rid of Eddie Collins, Jack Barry, Chief Bender, Eddie Plank, Jack Coombs and Frank Baker, he realized he had no chance at all to win a pennant with the remaining material. So he set out upon a campaign of building up a new ball club.

Building Up a Team.  
He is still engaged in the building process, but is not so far from success in that line as some casual students of baseball may imagine. Unless we miss our guess, he will have a pretty strong team to begin next season's campaign, perhaps one that strikes him as strong enough to win the pennant. If it seems powerful enough to him, he will go after games right away, putting his strongest available combination into the field every day. If he decides more building is necessary, he will continue to use weaker arrangements for the purpose of trying out or developing youngsters he picks up here and there.

Right now the Athletics shape up as strongly as the average American league club in half of their games—"Bull" Joe Bush with. Bush is the youngster who was such a sensation in the world's series with the Giants back in 1912. For the next two years he failed to fulfill the wonderful promise he bore on that occasion, but he now is conducting himself like a star of the first magnitude. Myers is a youth serving his first regular season in big league company. If anything he has more stuff on the ball than Bush and should prove an even greater star.

Wins Three Games in Week.  
Elmer Myers performed a feat recently that is equaled by few pitchers in the major leagues—winning three games in a single week. The first he had to beat three of the best hurlers in the league. In the first game, on Monday, he downed the great Walter Johnson. He allowed Washington four hits in the game. Two days later he

## Brunner Is Genuine All Round Athlete; Shines in All Sports at Tome School

Post Deposit, Md., June 17.—Leonard A. Brunner of Eastern, Pa., was awarded the Best All Round Athlete award for the year at the annual sports meeting of the Tome school, here, by a unanimous vote of the Athletic association committee.

Brunner is Tome's greatest athlete. He attracted universal admiration for his versatility in playing. During the season he scored 14 touchdowns, 25 goals from touchdowns, two field goals, and altogether made 110 points, almost half of the team's total.

The football season over, Brunner, in turn, became a member of the varsity soccer, basketball and baseball teams. In basketball he again led the team in scoring, and besides being a good field runner on the baseball side, in all probability Brunner will enter the University of Pennsylvania next year.

## CALIF. HURDLERS TO TRY TO 'COME BACK'

San Diego, Cal., June 17.—According to reports that emanate from Los Angeles, the havoc that Robert Simpson, of the University of Missouri, recently wrought with the world's record for the 120-yard high hurdle race, has stirred Earl Thompson and Fred Kelly, the southern California premier hurdlers, and former holders of the title. It is said that neither of the athletes believes being relegated to a secondary place in this event, which in the past, they have been the leaders, and each is putting forth every effort in the way of training to regain the lost prestige.

Both men will represent the Los Angeles Athletic club in the big far western track and field meet which is being held this summer under the auspices of the San Diego exposition. The two athletes are reported as already practicing for the event.

## BENJAMIN SIGNS FAMOUS HAWAIIAN SWIMMING EXPERT

New York, June 17.—H. B. Benjamin, of the trading managers of Robert Robinson, has secured the services of the famous Hawaiian swimmer, Duke Kahanamoku, who has just completed his last season as an amateur. When Kahanamoku signed Duke P. Kahanamoku, the greatest speed swimmer the world has ever known, he completed his last season as an amateur. When Kahanamoku signed Duke P. Kahanamoku, the greatest speed swimmer the world has ever known, he completed his last season as an amateur.

Benjamin took Kahanamoku to Hawaii on a tour of the islands, and he is expected to return to the United States in a few months. Kahanamoku is expected to compete in the 100-yard freestyle race at the Olympic games in 1920.

## POHL UPSETS BIG LEAGUE TRADITION IN WORKOUTS

Chicago, Ill., June 17.—Manager Pohl, of the Indiana team, once again has broken the tradition of the game in his training camp. He has declared it was folly to have the team work out in the hot sun. When Pohl eliminated the hot sun from the training camp, he broke the tradition of the game.

Now he is breaking the tradition of the game by having the team work out in the shade. Pohl is a man who is not afraid to break the tradition of the game.

## HERRESHOFF "COMES BACK" IN GOLF GAMES WITH RUSH

New York, June 17.—No more emotional golf-course talk has been seen in the annals of the game in this country than that which was played out by Fred Herreshoff, who is now a distinguished member of the team, and his partner, Rush, in a recent match. Herreshoff was a man who was not afraid to break the tradition of the game.

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## BY WHEELAN

## JAPANESE SEEKING TENNIS HONORS

Sends Player To United States To Compete For Racquet Battles.

New York, June 17.—Japan is seeking a sliver in the tennis game. Two famous tennis players, K. Kumagata and H. Mikami, are on their way here to appear in the American tennis championship tournament at Forest Hills, N. Y., in August, and their expected performances are making a lot of talk here.

Kumagata is now champion of the Orient. Mikami is considered only slightly inferior to his team mate. Before reaching the east, the two Japanese will have played at many leading clubs in exhibition and tournament matches.

Apparently this will be the only invasion of foreign athletes during the coming season, and because of the prominence and ability of the Japanese it should attract far more than usual attention.

How He Learned the Game.  
As far back as 1911 Kumagata, then a student at Keio university, studied at the far eastern championships and fought his way to the semi-final, where he defeated the American, Marshall, 7-5, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4, in a match which was carried over into the second day.

Later, with a partner, he lost to Poterrell, a famous American, in a double match by scores of 6-2, 6-4, 6-2.

Two years before Kumagata had never seen a tennis racket. He had seen a first game was played with the discarded racquet of an English resident of Japan and a red rubber ball such as small children bounce on the sidewalk. Some idea of his progress within the past three years can be gained from the fact that he has returned to the United States ranking for last season, and won the championship of Manila and won the championship of the Orient from a field which included Chinese, Chinese, Chinese, Chinese, and Ward Dawson, who is ranked in the third tier for the same period.

When the semi-final round was reached, they remained Kumagata and Kikami, representing Japan, and Griffin and Dawson, from the United States. Griffin defeated Mikami 7-5, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4, while Kumagata won from Dawson at 6-4, 6-3, 6-2.

When Griffin met Kumagata in the final round, the pair played a very evenly matched, and the Japanese expert won in straight sets. It was only after a terrific court battle with two sets out of three going to Griffin, that Kumagata won the match.

Kumagata and Mikami will play in both the doubles and singles at the Forest Hills national championships. Dawson and Griffin defeated them in the final round of the doubles, by scores of 6-4, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3. The Japanese being rather weak in the team work, it was necessary to win in doubles play.

It is expected that Kumagata will be a player, having a powerful left hand service and a terrific fore and backhand drive, coupled with an uncanny ability to return a shot from almost any angle and portion of the court. He does not conserve his energy in play, but is a master of tennis tactics.

## IN BOYLAND

MANAGERS of teams in class "B" of the Boyland leagues are warned that the rule limiting the weight of players to 160 pounds is to be strictly enforced in future. Complaints have been made that two players of the St. Ignace team are over weight and the manager of that team is requested to have the men weighed.

Should the manager of any team desire to protest against the weight of players on the opposing team, he is requested to put his protest in writing and send it to Boyland. If the game but if the players protested are found to be overweight, the game will be given to the protesting team.

Another game has been added to the schedule for Sunday. The Fort Bliss Juniors will play the Junior League at Washington park, at Washington park, Sunday afternoon, at Washington park.

Class "A" Sunday league—Fort Bliss Juniors vs. Westlakes, at 2 o'clock, Sunday afternoon, at Washington park.

Class "A" Sunday league—Fort Bliss Juniors vs. Junior League, at 3 o'clock, Sunday afternoon, at Washington park.

In the City National Junior team still in existence. Doubt has been expressed by some of the other teams on this subject. Will the manager please notify the Boyland department.

Last Sunday the Fort Bliss Juniors showed that they had something in their team. They defeated the Junior League, 3-1, in a game which was played at Washington park.

The Orchard Park chances to remain at the head of their league seem to be growing smaller. At the moment when the Fort Bliss Juniors are hot on their trail, they have lost two of probably their best players, Rich Carberry, their catcher, and "Dutch" Vanderwater, left fielder. They have been replaced by the Fort Bliss Juniors. Their loss will be felt by the Orchard Park, as will their aid in the Fort Bliss Juniors.

The Fort Bliss Juniors have also added Johnny Marty and L. Sanders to their ranks and now have a good chance to come in around first place.

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## BIG REGATTA ON THE HUDSON RIVER PROVES SURPRISE TO THE OARSMEN

Followers of Water Sports Were Unable to Pick Winning Teams in Advance Today Because of Many Conditions Under Which Adverse Work Has Been Done—Many of the Teams Under New Coaches.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., June 17.—Close to 100 oarsmen, representing four of the eastern universities, participated in the 23rd annual regatta of the Intercollegiate Rowing association on the Hudson river here this afternoon. Cornell, Columbia, Syracuse and Pennsylvania each entered eight-oared crews in the four-mile varsity, two-mile junior and two-mile freshman events.

Not in recent years have the crews gone to the starting line with greater uncertainty regarding the outcome or greater handicaps surmounted in preliminary training. Unseasonable weather conditions have prevailed both upon land and on the water during the major portion of the outdoor training period and few if any of the competing eight men have rowed for any length of time in fixed or permanent order. Changes and shuffles have been the rule rather than the exception, and the rowing quarters and the coaches were in doubt until the last few days regarding the final makeup of the sweep swimmers.

Weather had for training. Even the date of the regatta is unusual, early and for a time, earlier in the season, it appeared as though the races would be held with but one exception since 1915, would be transferred to another date. While these weather conditions and uncertainties have handicapped both the coaches and crews, they have in no way detracted from the interest in the regatta and, in fact, rather increased the enthusiasm since it was conceded that the three-oared crews, which are the backbone of the regatta, are in doubt until the last stroke in each event.

The regatta was lacking a national character this year, however, as for the first time in five seasons the Pacific coast was not represented by a crew. Neither Washington nor Stanford had an eight on the course, although earlier in the spring it appeared likely that one or both would row the continent to test their rowing prowess against the leading combinations of the eastern colleges. On the record here for past years, the Pacific coast has been a constant factor in the regatta, and the lack of a decided favorite in the four-mile race—the big event of the regatta.

Very Little Season Dupe.  
Three of the four coaches with boat crews in the contests today are veterans of the Poughkeepsie 1915 regatta, and their ability to whip their oarsmen into winning combinations at the eleventh hour, vice, of Columbia, Courtney, of Cornell, and Ten Eyck, of Syracuse, have all sprung big surprises in their day.

Because of the many shifts in the personnel of the crews during the season which closes with the regatta today, the results of the preliminary races of the spring had little or no bearing upon the probable outcome of the events. Courtney, of Columbia, and Courtney, of Cornell, and Ten Eyck, of Syracuse, have all sprung big surprises in their day.

Cornell has made the best showing, having won 12 firsts, four second places and a like number of thirds. Pennsylvania and Syracuse are tied for second honors with three victories each.

## PLAYERS SHOULD NOT BE WRITERS; CAUSES TROUBLE, OFTEN SERIOUS

McGraw, in An Article Over His Name, "Ties Into" Player and Makes Garry Herrmann Angry—The Story of a \$25,000 Lemon, White Hackle—Cincinnati Reds Look Strong as a Team.

NEW YORK, June 17.—Action by the league presidents barring players or managers from "writing" newspaper articles is a bridge. The recent clash between Garry Herrmann and John McGraw is only one of many instances where trouble has been wrought by such articles.

McGraw, who lends his name to articles, broke forth with a yarn in which he predicted that Charles Herrmann, manager of the Reds, and Hal Chase, the first baseman-outfielder, would do quite a bit of rowing before the season is over. Herrmann at once became peeved, claiming McGraw's article would stir up trouble in the ranks of the Redlegs.

Herrmann was justified. No rival manager should be permitted to criticize others in articles bearing his own name. It does nothing but breed unpleasantness. It doesn't help the game in any way—and it certainly hurts it. The practice should be stopped. If Herrmann, Tenor and Johnson have enough backbone, they will force its elimination. It was thought a year ago that Johnson would abolish the practice as a result of the 75,000,000 Chicago White Sox squabble. At that time, Ty, also an "author," wrote a story which practically accused the White Sox of stealing.

A howl went up from Chicago. The charge was denied. Johnson blustered that he would "pull" as well as praise. "Panning" naturally creates enmity. There is enough bad feeling among ball players without having more of it stirred up by the "authors."

THE STORY OF WHITE HACKLE.  
W. E. Cox is hopeful of a "come-back" and Columbia comes next with two. The full summary of the results is as follows:

College	1st	2d	3d	4th
Cornell	12	6	3	4
Columbia	1	2	3	7
Pennsylvania	2	2	3	4
Wisconsin	0	4	2	4
Syracuse	0	0	1	1
Georgetown	0	1	1	1
Washington	0	0	1	0
Stanford	0	1	0	0
Harvard	0	1	0	0
Navy	0	0	1	0

EDDIE MAHAN MAY WEAR GARS OF BRAVES AFTER GRADUATION  
Mahan himself is now too willing to discuss the subject. But his friends believe that after he graduates he will wear the uniform of the Braves after graduation. Mahan is now a member of the Braves after graduation. Mahan is now a member of the Braves after graduation.

## Baseball Sunday

Rio Grande Park

MORNING GAME 10:30 A. M.

Bleachers, 10c; Grandstand, 20c.

Double-Header 2:15 P. M.

Bleachers, 25c; Grandstand, 35c;

Box Seats 10c Extra